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FOR AMBASSADOR

As you know President is having press conference on Cuba

November 20 at 6 p.m. Washington time. You are requested to make
date with Head of Government or Foreign Minister at your discretion
prior to that time and convey the following to him as the position

of the US Government:

(a) The US has still been unable to obtain satisfactory

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performance from the USSR with regard to the withdrawal of IL-28s;

(b) No adequate arrangements have been made for ground inspection in the presence of Cuban and adequate safeguards against the presence and reintroduction of offensive weapons;

(c) Recent reconnaissance has confirmed the presence in Cuba of organized Soviet military units in Cuba with the most modern field equipment. These cannot be dismissed merely as QTE Soviet technicians UNQTE.

(d) Castro has now announced that he intends to fire on US reconnaissance planes. Continued U.S. reconnaissance is essential action authorized by the OAS resolution.

(e) Since the US must continue surveillance, there is serious possibility of an incident against which the US is determined to take retaliatory measures.

(f) Situation fluid and may take one of several courses. The Soviets may act against Castro or in any event may not support him in exchanges that might follow his interference with US reconnaissance. On other hand, they may provide military support for Castro. The nature of the future US action will naturally depend upon which of options Soviets select.

(g) Continued refusal on the part of the USSR to withdraw the IL-28s or active Soviet military participation in action against necessary military surveillance might well require the reestablishment of the quarantine and its extension to POL.

(h) The President intends to make clear to the nation and the world on

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Tuesday afternoon the present posture of affairs and to indicate that an early resolution of remaining problems must be achieved. This approach would of course be altered materially if a favorable answer were received from Khrushchev on 11-28s before press conference.

(i) The US expects to be able to count on the full cooperation of its Allies in the event it becomes necessary to reimpose the quarantine -- with or without an expanded ~~xxxx~~ proscribed list -- or to take other appropriate action to deal with the situation.

(j) The US is calling a meeting this week of the Organ of Consultation of the OAS so that we can make a full report on the measures taken under the ~~xxxx~~ Resolution of October 23 which authorized all appropriate action including the use of armed force.

(k) You should advise that US Permrep NATO will call for special meeting NAC Tuesday afternoon, November 20, to inform his colleagues of foregoing.

FOR FILE/LETTER

Through Colonna you should ask for special NAC meeting, drawing on paras (a) through (j). Sherman Kent (CIA) arriving Paris a.m. November 20 to brief de Gaulle. Ask Kent accompany you to NAC meeting to assist you in such way as seems best to you and Kent.

FOR PARIS, LONDON AND BONN

You may draw on foregoing to supplement separate messages you are to deliver to Chiefs of State.

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FOR TOKYO

You should, in your discretion, inform Japanese Government of paras (a) through (f).

FOR ALL MISSIONS

Report promptly ~~back~~ host government's reaction to US views contained preceding paragraphs.

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